

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

Sept 2	Curriculum Night	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Sept 6	No School - Labor Day	
Sept 11	Harvest Social	4:30pm - 7:00pm

Dear Families,

Welcome back! The first week of school was a phenomenal success! Thank you for sending your students to school prepared and ready to learn.

Fifth grade is an important and eventful year full of rigor and fun. Please join us in the multi-purpose room on September 2nd for Curriculum Night. We will be using one of the two SMART Boards which were purchased by our generous PTO. We will demonstrate how to navigate the 5th grade Wiki, outline what your student will learn this year in each subject area, as well as give you an opportunity to ask questions and sign up for fall conferences. We hope you can make it, but if you are unable to attend, all information can be found at <http://holmes5thgrade.wikispaces.com>.

Student council officer petitions went home with students last week. If your child is interested in running for an office, they need to submit their completed petitions to Ms. Manuel by Friday, September 3rd. After officer elections, each class will select two representatives and one alternate.

SPECIALS

Spanish-

¡Bienvenidos! I'm looking forward to a great school year with 5th grade!

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Reading/Literature

This year in reading students will have the opportunity to read wonderful novels and deepen their understanding of the world around them. These first few weeks, I will be introducing procedures for Reading Workshop as well as Literature Circles. We will set-up our Reader's Notebook and begin reading our first novel The View from Saturday.

Math

I am looking forward to having a great year in math with your child. If you would like to purchase a TI-15 calculator, please send a check (payable to Holmes School) or cash to school with your child. Each calculator is \$15 and students may purchase more than one. Calculators will be available throughout the year. Please plan on attending Curriculum Night for more details about what your child will be learning in math class this year.

If your child has Mrs. Circo for math, a letter will be sent home this week, telling you more about the curriculum. Mrs. Circo will be available during Curriculum Night for questions.

Science

We are going to have a lot of fun in science this year! During the upcoming week we will be learning about the scientific method and engaging in different experiments to help practice the steps. We will also be learning about the connection between math and science through experiments that deal with measurement. I hope to see you at Curriculum Night!

Social Studies

Fifth graders are off to a great start in social studies. We will concentrate on American history this year, with opportunities to incorporate literature, math, science, art, and music through project-based learning.

This week, we will begin our study of America's land, climate, and resources. Ask your student about the tribe challenge at the end of the week.

I look forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night.

We're on the Web!

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